

LOCAL NEWS.

Board of Supervisors meets Wednesday, December 20th.

Mr. Ernest Northam, of Onancock, has accepted the position of purser on Steamer Pocumoke.

An advertisement of E. F. Guillelte in regard to Xmas goods will appear in next issue. Watch his space.

Dr. David B. Taylor, of Augusta county, formerly of Accomac, made a short visit to his old home last week.

Typhoid fever continues to rage on Sykes Island, in the upper part of this county. Several new cases have developed in the past week.

Mr. Carson F. Chandler, of Mappsville has been engaged by County Clerk Oldham and is now doing clerical work in that office.

A fair and festival will be held at Ayres Church, Wednesday of Xmas week, December 27th, or if weather prevents next day. Public invited.

A pupils' recital was given at the Margaret Academy, Wednesday evening, one of a series, showing the actual every day work of the Academy.

The columns and other necessary material for new courthouse have arrived and the roof, if weather permits, will be completed in about three weeks.

Mr. A. D. VanDeman, of Parkley, had five chickens at the Poultry Exhibition in Philadelphia last week and secured three of the premiums awarded.

New advertisements in this issue, to which attention is especially invited: Ames, Shield and Co., J. Adelstein, Onancock; A. H. G. Meares, Wachapreague; J. H. Merrill, Pocumoke Hotel, Pocumoke City.

A meeting of farmers will be held at New Church, Wednesday, December 27th, 1 p. m. The manager of the Exchange will be present, to explain its objects and the results which through it are expected.

Dr. T. E. Martindale, Presiding Elder, will hold quarterly conference in Onancock M. E. Church, Saturday, December 9th, and will preach Sunday morning, December 10th. He will also preach at Leatherbury Chapel at 8 p. m.

The valuable and productive farm of Samuel J. Shield and wife, situated about one mile from Davis' Wharf, this county, is for sale on reasonable terms. For terms, &c., apply to L. Floyd Nock, attorney, Accomac C. H., Va.

Stewart K. Powell, special commissioner, in suit of W. J. Hall & Son vs. Levi Northam's admr., et al., will sell at public auction at Belinda, Saturday, December 23d, 2 p. m., by virtue of a decree in said suit, three parcels of land situated near Belinda. For full particulars see posters.

W. H. Williams, the drummer evangelist, and lecturer for the Richmond Keeley Institute, will speak as follows: At M. E. Church, Onancock, Va., Saturday, December 16th, 7:30 p. m. and Sunday, December 17th, 10:30 a. m. and at 3 p. m., Sunday, December 17th, at Leatherbury M. E. Church.

The vice president and general manager of the B. & O. Railway Co., in accordance with the organization for conducting the business of the company, has announced the appointments, taking effect December 1st, 1899. It is gratifying to note in the list the name of Mr. Tully A. Joyner, as superintendent of steamer lines.

Thomas W. Blackstone, trustee, will sell at Harboron, on December 16th, 1899, at 2 p. m., the valuable lot of land whereon Richard R. Parker resides, containing six acres, more or less. Said land is beautifully located, immediately on Pungoteague creek and is a most desirable location for a residence. It also has a valuable oyster shore.

The ladies will give an oyster supper at Assawamun Chapel, Friday afternoon, December 22d, and at night a concert, consisting of music, choral, tableaux etc. The best home talent will take part in the exercises. Price of admission, children 10 cents adults 15 cents; price of oysters ten cents a plate. This public affair is invited and a good time guaranteed.

A bazaar will be held at Parkley Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before Christmas under the auspices of the members and friends of the Baptist Church at that place, open every day from 10 a. m. A free concert will be given every evening at 8 o'clock, with special feature Friday evening in the appearance of Santa Klaus. Oysters, terrapins and light refreshments will be served at all hours. Proceeds for the Parkley Baptist Church.

John H. Wise, trustee, by virtue of a deed from Thorogood B. Mason and wife, for benefit of John E. Wise and James A. Hall, commissioners appointed by the Public School Board of Accomac, and by direction of S. Wilkins Matthews, now the beneficiary in said deed, will sell at public auction at Bloxom Thursday, December 28th, 1899, 2 p. m., the real estate described in said deed as that certain parcel of land, situated at the head of Guilford Creek, known as the "Burch lot," containing three acres, more or less. For full particulars see posters.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Onancock.

Mrs. B. B. Topping, of Delaware, is a guest of Mrs. John W. Duncan.

Mr. Waller and sister, of Philadelphia, were guests this week of Mrs. Sarah Fosque.

Mrs. S. R. Nelson was stricken with paralysis on Monday night and is dangerously ill.

Mr. Hayman and family, of Philadelphia, are visiting the home of Mrs. Margaret Johnson.

Mr. Oliver Nelson arrived from New York on Wednesday in answer to a message as to the serious illness of his mother.

R. V. F. M. Edwards filled the pulpit of the M. E. Church, South, on last Sunday. A good congregation assembled. The subject of his discourse was, "Christ's Kingdom Shall Triumph."

Rev. F. M. Edwards left on Wednesday to meet his family in Sussex county with whom he will return on next Wednesday. His pulpit will be filled on Sunday by Rev. R. A. Robinson, of the Margaret Academy.

Harry Cleves, infant daughter of Mrs. Maud Mills White, departed this life on last Sunday morning, after a short illness. Funeral services were held on Monday, at 11:30 a. m., conducted by Rev. A. Donovan, assisted by Rev. J. Carson Watson. The interment was in the Onancock cemetery.

Rev. J. Carson Watson and family left on Wednesday for Danville, Va., where they will reside. Their many friends regret their departure from the Eastern Shore. They have spent nine years in Accomac since the 13th of December, 1878. The Peninsula Enterprise has been a visitor to their home since its establishment.

A bicycle accident, rather serious, occurred on the side walk of Main street on Monday night. As Rev. J. Carson Watson and wife were returning from a visit, a wheelman ran against them with a force that knocked both down. Though only hurt slightly, they were much shocked, and, of course, much annoyed. The young man made all possible apology and expressed the deepest regret for the accident.

After the fire the business centre of the town, which was full of activity and prepared with excellent stocks, set in order for the rush of December business, is now a ruin of ashes, charred timbers and unsightly debris. The occupants of the places were scattered to the various unoccupied rooms in all sections of the town which they will have to occupy till the spring permits the erection of new buildings. Business was practically suspended during the week while the saved merchandise was being put in order for the adjustment of insurance claims. Great inducements will be offered by the merchants to the purchasing public to bring a large trade during the balance of the season. It is fitting here to say that all praise is due the people—the mayor and council and hundreds of men and women, citizens and visitors—who exerted every energy to stop the ravages of the fire and save the property. Indifference or bad management would have caused ten times more loss.

Wachapreague.

Mrs. Henry Rhodes, so long seriously ill, is yet prostrated in bed.

The promised marriages are rapidly approaching, and report has it, increasing in number.

Preparations are being made on a pretty extensive scale for a Children's entertainment on Christmas night in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Sam Foote left here a week ago to fill a temporary position on the N. Y. P. & N. R. steamer line between Cape Charles and Norfolk.

Mrs. W. F. Hudson has a beautiful supply of wedding presents in her new Christmas stock of goods. The occasion is propitious and a word to the wise is sufficient.

Senator Geo. W. LeCato left for Richmond on Monday. He has been selected by Gov. Tyler to second his nomination for U. S. Senator in the Assembly caucus.

Schooner Robertson, Capt. Hill, unloaded coal here last week and left light for Newport News. The schooner Maggie Hastings from Franklin is loading with oysters for Norfolk.

Our people are exceedingly gratified that Rev. W. J. Twilley has been sent by the Conference to this circuit. He has always been very popular here, not only with the members of the church but the people generally. He will be accorded a warm welcome.

Pungoteague.

Miss Margaret Battling, of "Blenheim," spent Thanksgiving in Baltimore.

Mrs. Richard Turner died at her home near Craddockville, last Saturday, aged about 65 years.

Mrs. Major Doughty, Misses Gertrude and Josie Myster left Friday for Baltimore to remain several days.

Mr. Joseph Hickman and Mrs. Virginia Wright were married Sunday and have made this place their future home.

In a recent examination held in Pungoteague Public School, Miss Emma L. Read, principal, on geography, grammar and arithmetic, the average of the honor roll was as follows: Estelle Warren, 95; Marion Martin, 97; Mary Kellam, 99; Mary Martin, 95; Ethel Wescott, 99; Edith Waterfield, 93; Ida Wescott, 98; Maggie Smith, 90; Bettie Doughty, 97.

I will be at Atlantic, Thursday and Friday, December 14th and 15th for the practice of my profession.
Dr. W. A. Taylor.
Dentist.

Chincoteague.

Mr. W. C. Payne has just returned from business trip to the Northern cities.

Schooner Emma Robertson loaded here this week with pine wood for New York.

Mr. Gordon B. Jones has opened his barrel manufactory and his barrels are in demand.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Selby have returned from their wedding journey and made Atlantic Hotel their home for the winter.

Master Fred Messick, of this place, through the influence of Hon. S. W. Matthews, has been appointed page in House of Delegates. He left for Richmond Monday.

Joseph E. Virden, of Lewes, Del., is the contractor to build a large iron bathhouse on Assateague Beach, at Toms Cove. Schooner Williams arrived with the lumber and iron this week.

Schooner Leeds and Janie Lewis loaded up the bay, in Maryland, with oysters this week. The oystermen up there are indignant at the charge by the Railroad people on empties and have concluded to run their oysters to market in the old fashioned way. Our people too are independent of the railroads and should follow their example.

Arrivals at Atlantic Hotel this week: Rolley Moore, E. P. Timmons, J. J. English, R. F. Powell, John E. Smith, J. R. Dunfee, E. T. Smack, Chas. P. Noldney, Jacob Hafendorfe, Philadelphia; Jas. H. Fletcher, Erastus Johnson, B. T. Gunter, S. W. Matthews, A. S. Kellam, H. O. Darbee, W. E. Fox, Accomac; Chas. E. Ward, F. W. Byrd, Robt. Fisher, L. E. Brooks, Wilmington, Sidney A. Bornum, Berlin.

Cashville.

Hog killing and moving are the order of the day in this community.

Preparations are being made by our young people for entertainments at the churches during the Christmas holidays.

Rev. F. M. Edwards, new pastor of M. E. Church, South, preached at Andrew Chapel last Sunday and greatly pleased his large congregation.

John H. Scott and Mr. McCready, of Parkley, and H. R. Boggs, of this place, spent a day in the fields last week quail shooting. They succeeded in bagging 20 birds.

There will be an oyster supper at this place Saturday afternoon and night, December 9th. Proceeds for benefit of Baptist church. Confections will also be for sale.

Dr. A. E. Owen, of Norfolk, in the absence of the pastor, filled the pulpit of Broadway Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Owen is a fine speaker, and his sermon was much enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Keller.

Mrs. Cora Byrd, quite sick for several weeks, is convalescent.

A handsome dwelling, in course of erection here for Mr. Jno. E. Nock, is nearing completion.

Rev. Mr. Bransford is conducting a revival meeting at Oak Grove and good results are expected.

Rev. Ernest Stevens, of late the guest of the family of Dr. J. E. Mapp, returned to his home in Culpeper, Tuesday.

Our high school is progressing finely. A portrait of Miss Willard, the great temperance advocate, lately presented to it, now adorns its walls.

In match game of baseball between the juvenile teams of Keller and Belle Haven on the 30th ult., the latter won, but we will give a better account of ourselves later.

Mr. Edward H. Drummond and Miss Mary S. Waterfield were married at the bride's home near this place on 6th inst., Rev. W. H. Gregory officiating.

Hallwood.

The new dwellings of W. S. and S. W. Nock completed and occupied by them.

Mr. J. W. Broughton spent several days on Chincoteague this week looking after his insurance business.

The Day Bros. continue to send large quantities of fire oak lumber from this station to Pennsylvania, to be used in building cars.

Madame rumor has it that wedding bells will soon be ringing with us and one family, it stated, will be swept away by a matrimonial cyclone.

Mr. John D. Wimbrough, formerly of this county, now of Baltimore, is visiting relatives and friends in this section and always receives a welcome to his old home.

The people of this section are taking advantage of the fine weather of this week to slaughter their porkers. Many, however, have none to kill, because of the ravages of cholera.

Melfa.

Capt. Chas. H. Rogers spent the week in Baltimore.

All our merchants now busy getting in Christmas fancy goods.

Miss May Joyner and Miss Lillie Elmore have been visiting Mrs. Lon Martin this week.

Mr. George W. White, who has been sick, is now better and will soon be himself again.

Mr. W. W. Ball still grows fine porkers. Three killed by him this week, weighed 525, 482 and 325 lbs.

Mr. A. S. Bull is thinking of starting a hotel at this station and all of us think he would be a popular man for the place.

When in Pocumoke, let your first visit be to the 10 cent store for china, bric-a-brac, toys, Xmas tree ornaments, etc.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

November Term 1899.

L. Floyd Nock qualified as executor of John E. Meares and as administrator of Elizabeth Jane Meares, widow of said John E. Meares, deceased.

Charles C. Dix qualified as administrator of John T. Scott, deceased. The estate of Eliza Meares, deceased, was committed to Levin J. Gunter, sheriff, for administration. The sheriff reported the number of prisoners in jail—only one.

The clerk reported the list of fines reported to him by Justices of the Peace in month of October:

L. J. Winder & Co. vs. Baltimore Bargain House (on attachment). This cause was entered, agreed dismissed, with defendant to pay the costs.

Petition of Benj. F. Young et al. for a drain. Cause continued on motion of petitioners until first day of next term.

Petition of L. T. Ross and others for a public bridge and to change public road at Northam's mill. Approved by the court and necessary expenditure (\$125) certified to Board of Supervisors.

Costs of inquest over Vincent Ginn filed, held by Emory Moffitt, J. P. and acting coroner, allowed. William L. Nock appointed trustee in place of James G. Nock, declined, in deed from Handy Parks for benefit of L. Floyd Nock.

Emma Mabel Selby exonerated for payment of erroneous assessments of taxes for 1898.

Ex parte: James Mason of M's admr. Report of Jos. R. Riggs, administrator, filed and confirmed.

Retail liquor license granted to Pavis E. Bloxom at "Harrington" in Pungoteague Magisterial District.

Samuel W. Ames vs. Henry Bevas (on attachment for rent) Judgment for plaintiff and order of sale of attached property to satisfy rent and costs of attachment.

Peter F. Reid vs. James H. Hopkins (on attachment for rent) Judgment for plaintiff and order of sale of attached property to satisfy rent and cost of attachment.

A regular grand jury was empaneled and returned into court as a "true bill" an indictment against John Riley Marshall for selling liquor unlawfully—and as "not true bills," indictments against Joseph Johnson for selling liquor unlawfully, and John W. H. Nock for malicious and felonious cutting.

The following fiduciary accounts were confirmed and ordered to be recorded: Audits of estates of John W. Gillespie, Henry P. Mason, Polly Turlington, Edward Sneed, George Rayfield and John O. Selby—orphans accounts of Emma Mabel Selby, Susie E. and H. H. Drummond, Manie E. Bull, nee Rogers, and Henrietta C. Quibry—trust account of Meshack Meares and wife.

Petition of Jno Kilmoos of James' admr. Report of Wm. T. Mason filed and confirmed.

Petition of George S. Rogers and others for public road (from Onley to road to Sluthkill Neck) Further expenditure to complete the work approved by the court, to-wit \$300, and certified to Board of Supervisors.

Robert S. Scarburgh's E's guardian vs. Robert S. Scarburgh (on petition. Order for expenditure by guardian, Thos. W. Blackstone, of \$250.00 for two years out of Henrietta Scarburgh's principal money for maintenance and education and for payment of cost of amended petition.

Petition of Fletcher Drummond and others to change public road and for public bridge over "Horse Branch," near Parkley. Order for completion of work and for report to commissioner, W. McK. Taylor.

Joseph J. Wescott vs. Frederic Thomas (on a warrant). This cause was entered, agreed dismissed.

Petition of Joseph E. Brodwater and others for a drain. Order entered excusing Jno. D. Parsons from serving as a commissioner and appointing John J. Tunnell in his place.

Petition of Thos. R. Meares & others for a public road. Order for completion of work, and for report by commissioner, Geo. E. Carmine.

Petition of Annie R. Lewis & late guardian Order for payment of unpaid costs by late guardian, L. Floyd Nock.

Petition of Lloyd T. Bowden & late guardian. Order for payment of unpaid costs by late guardian, L. Floyd Nock.

Petition of J. W. Williams & others for public road on Chincoteague Island. Petition filed and viewers appointed.

Meeting of Stockholders of Produce Exchange.

A meeting held at Melfa, Saturday, 2d inst., in the interest of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange, was organized by the election of Samuel Z. Turlington, chairman, and Wm. M. Turlington, secretary.

Mr. W. A. Burton, manager, was present and made a plain and business like talk, presenting the objects of the Exchange and the good through it, if properly supported, likely to accrue to them in the protection of their interests.

Board of directors was elected as follows: Thos. B. James, S. C. Turlington, Geo. W. Turlington, E. W. Mapp and Geo. W. Ayres. Mr. James was also elected general manager, and the Board selected Mr. S. C. Turlington as secretary.

Mr. George W. Elliott was elected inspector and Mr. Wm. H. Hutton, agent.

W. M. TURLINGTON, Secretary.

Fine line Xmas goods, fruits, nuts, candies, cranberries, &c. Also a large line of groceries and other household goods, shoes and notions which will be sold at surprising prices.
J. H. Savage & Co.,
Pungoteague, Va.

We have a full supply of furniture, oak suits, bureaus, buffets, tables, bedsteads, chairs, mattresses, &c., for sale at prices to suit the times.
Rogers & Bro., Finney, Va.

Teachers League.

The Accomac Teachers League convened here on the 30th ult. The distinguished visitors present were Dr. J. W. Southall, State Superintendent Public Instruction, Prof. Frazier, of the State Normal Female Institute, President L. G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, Professor Pace, of the University of Virginia, and Dr. J. E. Mapp, County Superintendent. A large number of teachers were in attendance from nearly every locality of the Shore.

The first session was called at 2:30 p. m., on Thursday, Prof. G. G. Joyner presiding. The exercises opened by prayer by Rev. J. Carson Watson. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor L. R. Donrity. With most cordial expression, on behalf of the citizens, he hung out the late string and offered the hospitality of the town, assuring the League of the appreciation of their meeting in our midst. He spoke of the benefits and influence of the public school system here and paid compliment to the president for his many years of excellent work as principal of the Onancock Graded School.

Prof. Frazier addressed the teachers upon "The Dignity of the Profession." His thought upon the subject was not upon the surface but was deep into the kernel—was instructive in the full sense and was heard with all interest. His address showed his fitness for the office of teacher of teachers and gave aspiration to teachers for a higher standard. His delivery was of smooth, conversational style entirely free from show.

An overture was performed by Mr. Claude Nottingham and Miss Margaret Grotton upon violin and piano.

Prof. Taylor read a paper upon "The Public School System" which was a radical criticism upon the system and its public officials. Professors W. A. P. Strang and Frazier answered the paper and defended the system with a few remarks, well chosen. Next, the audience was favored by a piano solo by Miss Ethel T. Lewis.

President Tyler was introduced and delivered a strong address, subject, "Nature in Education." His expressions of hard sense interwoven with good humor were well received. His style was entirely opposed to display of learning. The twinkle of humor in the eye of the cheerful Normal educator made his audience glad.

Prof. G. G. Joyner discussed the dignity of the profession and normal methods with great enthusiasm.

The evening session was opened by prayer by Rev. R. A. Robinson, after which a vocal solo was performed by Mr. Geo. H. Powell with piano accompaniment by Miss Charlotte L. Parker.

Supt. Dr. J. W. Southall was introduced and presented a fine paper, subject, "Education—its meaning and power." This able official, from the red hills of Amelia county, the general of superintendents and teachers and "the father of ten thousand children," was appreciated on the Eastern Shore. Miss Wood rendered a vocal solo, with instrumental accompaniment by Miss Ethel T. Lewis.

Prof. J. G. Nock presented a paper, "Patriotism in the Schools," which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Margaret Battling, accompanied by Miss Madeline Mapp.

Portraits of Miss Francis Willard, were presented to the schools at Onancock and Keller by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the delivery being made by Rev. A. Burke with appropriate remarks which were responded to fittingly by the respective principals, Henry A. Wise and G. G. Joyner.

"Child Training" was discussed by Prof. J. H. Johnson, and followed by a song by Miss Annie Louise Davis. Miss Ethel T. Lewis then presented a paper, "Reading," the matter of which was considered of a high order and the delivery showed culture and preparation. Her election gave pleasure. Mr. Danbar sang and was accompanied by Miss Ethel T. Lewis. A short talk was given by President Tyler upon co-operation in the work of teaching.

At Friday morning session, a paper, "Teachers Influence," was read by Miss Emma LeCato, Prof. W. S. Dietrick discussed "Fractions," Prof. J. D. Grant, Jr., discussed "Interest" and Prof. W. B. Respass read a paper on "Grading public schools."

At afternoon session, Attorney G. Walter Mapp presented a paper on "Change of teachers," Prof. W. A. P. Strang a paper, "The teacher and the public school," Prof. E. B. Phillips, "Business Arithmetic," Mrs. Jeanie Edmonds, "Should boys and girls play together," Prof. H. A. Wise, "Importance of elementary arithmetic."

At evening session, "Helps to discipline" was read by Prof. G. W. Gillespie. Miss Madeline Mapp presented a paper "Place of music in public schools." In the estimation of the audience this was a very fine paper. It discussed physical development, aesthetic culture and indefinable benefits of the fine art. "The voice and delivery of the author was a strong plea and endorsement for the art advocated in the paper" was the expression of one of the audience—a gentleman of much learning and culture. The subject was worthy of the interest it commanded and the discussion was convincing. A charming address was then delivered by Dr. Page, subject, "Mathematics." All joined in their admiration for this educator of the University—a master of his work, bright, clear, delightfully entertaining.

Rev. R. A. Robinson, headmaster of Margaret Academy, made a short address upon the educational, moral and religious benefit of the meeting. An election of League officers was held for the ensuing term, resulting as follows: President, G. G. Joyner; Secretary, W. A. P. Strang; Treasurer, J. D. Grant, Jr.; District Vice-Presidents—Pungoteague, H. A. Wise; Lee, E. B. Phillips; Metompkin, E. S. Dietrick; Atlantic and the Islands,

G. W. Gillespie.

Music was furnished during the session by Misses Wood, Johnson, Lewis and Davis, and Messrs. Nottingham and Burke.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the citizens for their hospitality and expressing regret for their loss by fire of their material wealth during the session.

The League meeting was considered a success and was much appreciated in the community for its educational benefits. The teachers and visitors were good company. The ladies were complimented for their elegance and refinement.

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To Stockholders of Produce Exchange.

Meetings of the stockholders of the Produce Exchange, of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, to perfect the local organizations will be held as follows:

Keller, Saturday, December 9th, 1 p. m.

Nassawadox, Saturday, December 16, 1 p. m.

Exmore, Wednesday, December 20, 1 p. m.

Bloxom, Friday, December 22d, 1 p. m.

All subscribers are earnestly requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted.
WM. A. BURTON.

To My Patrons.

I have re-opened for business at the office of Kelly & Nottingham, opposite Hotel, where I will be pleased to serve you with anything in my line.

My stock will be about complete again Saturday 9th, December.

My Christmas stock will be equal to, or better than ever before.

J. W. DUNCAN.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to the many friends who assisted in saving our property from the fire. We appreciate, in the highest sense, their kindness.

Ames, Shield & Co.

Write to us for estimates on doors, sash, blinds, stair-rails and all other kinds of building material, hardware paints, &c. Stock large, prices low. Mr. R. D. L. Fletcher will be at Accomac C. H., the first day of every County Court, to receive orders for the firm.